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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ABHIJIT B. RAO, et al.)
Application No.: 09/723,976)
Filed: November 28, 2000)
For: DIGITAL IMAGE)
RETRIEVAL AND STORAGE)
Examiner: Huy Thanh Nguyen
Group Art Unit: 2616
August 18, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ERRONEOUS NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Abandonment indicating that the above application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 13 July 2005.

In fact, Applicants filed an Amendment and Letter Transmitting Formal Drawings on October 13, 2005, using the certificate of mailing procedures set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, by mailing the Amendment and Letter in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 and by deposit with the U.S. Postal Services with sufficient first class postage, on the non-extended three-month deadline for doing so. A copy of the Amendment and Letter Transmitting formal Drawings is attached at Exhibit A, and a copy of a stamped postcard receipt acknowledging the USPTO's receipt of the Amendment and Drawings is attached at Exhibit B.

In view of the foregoing submissions, it is respectfully submitted that a timely response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2005 was filed on October 13, 2005, and it is respectfully requested to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment as erroneous.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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